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SUBJ: THE U.S. POST - EMBARGO OBLIGATION

1. THE ACTION OF THE U.S. SENATE IN LIFTING THE ARMS
EMBARGO ON TURKEY HAS ELICITED FROM SOME THE ARGUMENT THAT
AFTER THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED THE U.S. MUST ACTIVELY OFFER
TURKEY ECONOMIC AID. THIER RATIONALE, STATED OR IMPLICIT, IS
THAT THE U.S. IS OBLIGATED TO COMPENSATE TURKEY FOR THE MILITARY
AND ECONOMIC DAMAGE THE EMBARGOCAUSED. TWO EXAMPLES OF THIS
TYPE OF THINKING FOLLOW.

2. IN A CONVERSATION WITH CONGEN OFFICER, PRO-ECEVIT IZMIR
RPP PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT SEDAT AKMAN INQUIRED AS TO WHAT
MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID TURKEY COULD EXPECT ONCE THE EMBARGO
WAS LIFTED. HE NOTED THAT TURKEY HAD SUFFERED SERIOUS ECONOMIC
DIFFICULTIES SINCE THE IMPOSITION OF THE EMBARGO WHICH HER ALLIES
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SHOULD NATURALLY RECTIFY. WHEN IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT TURKEY'S
ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WERE MORE A PRODUCT OF THE PRICE OF IMPORTED
PETROLEUM AND HER OWN INTERNAL ECONOMIC AND FISCAL POLICIES
RATHER THAN THE EMBARGO, AKMAN PERSISTED THAT TURKEY LOOKED
TO THE U.S. FOR ECONOMIC AID AS A LOGICAL ADJUNCT TO A NEW
AND MUCH LARGER MILITARY AID PACKAGE.

3. YENI ASIR COLUMNIST GUNGER MENGI IN HIS 29 JULY COLUMN ENTITLED "EMBARGO INDEMNITY" CONCLUDES THAT THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO WILL NOT SECURE THE CORRECTION OF THE INJUSTICE TURKEY SUFFERED BY ITS IMPOSITION, SINCE TURKEY DURING THE PERIOD ENDURED GREAT LOSSES AND ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CRISES. CONSEQUENTLY, TURKEY MUST BE INDEMNIFIED. HE CALLS UPON THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO SEIZE THIS REALITY.

3. COMMENT. IF THIS TYPE OF THINKING SPREADS, IT WILL SET UP EXPECTATIONS WHICH CANNOT BE FILLED AND TEND TO UNDERMINE IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS. MOREOVER, THIS THINKING IS PERHAPS FURTHER INDICATION THAT TURKEY LOOKS TO AN EXTERNAL SOLUTION FOR HER ECONOMIC WOES, RATHER THAN THE POLITICALLY UNPALATABLE BELT-TIGHTENING MEASURES. MOFFETT UNQUOTE DILLON

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